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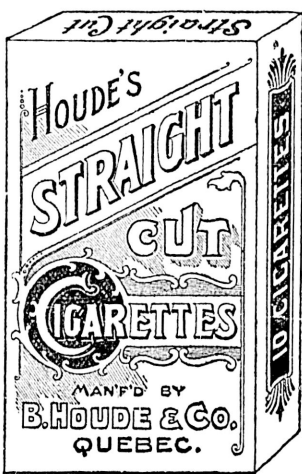
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Tripes and Plush; handsome Lounges
and Couches; Red Lounges; Rattan and
Reed Rockers; Children's Rockers and High
Chairs; very fine Solid Oak Hall Stand, Rat-
ten Settee; Bamboo and Oak Whatnot;
very fine Solid Oak Side Board, with Plate
Glass back, the very latest Board made; a
10 foot Solid Oak Extension Dining Table,
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Oak Dining Chairs, 2 Arm Chairs to match;
Iron and Brass Bedsteads; Children's Bed-
steads; Oak Bedsteads; Ash Bed Sets; fine
Woven Wire Mattresses; Combination Top
Mattresses; Toilet Cases; Vases; Croch-
ery; Cook Stoves; Kitchen Tables and
Chairs, and a lot of useful household re-
quisites.

I wish to call my patrons' attention to the
fact that on Friday last I conducted my sale
for two hours, selling upwards of 150 lots
including every bed set, although a bliz-
zing snow storm was in progress the whole
time. I simply mention this to show that
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of the goods. If you are furnishing, or if you
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Spectacle At Ottawa.

Again Cabinet Squabble Re-
ported Over Expense of
Canadian Contingent.

Brigade of Artillery Called For
With the Permanent Batter-
ies as Nucleus.

Commander In Yukon May
Have the Cavalry—Two
ies as Nucleus.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The cabinet wrestled
all day over the second contingent and
have no announcement to make. It ap-
pears to be the lamentable fact that at
a time when the country demands prompt
action playmate considerations are allowed
to interfere with the sending of a contin-
gent which will do honor to the Do-
minion. A minority in the cabinet head-
ed by Tarte are kicking vigorously and
the result is absolute paralysis in the
work of preparation. The trouble is
over the pay of the men and the expenses
of the expedition.

Sir Wilfrid went to Montreal last
night to wrestle with the Master of the
Administration. The Premier went to
Montreal again to-night on the same mis-
sion. He left the council early for the
purpose of taking the train and was
rather curt to newspaper men when asked
for news. When the council rose Dr.
Borden intimated that there was nothing
to announce. Other ministers were equal-
ly uncommunicative.

Meanwhile officials of the militia and
mounted police departments are waiting
patiently for something to turn up. Tarte
it is said, wants the Imperial govern-
ment to pay the entire bill of expendi-
ture of the entire contingent.

The composition of the artillery division
has been finally decided upon by the
militia authorities. It is contemplated
to dispatch three field batteries, consti-
tuting a brigade division, composed of
18 guns, 21 wagons, 513 officers and
men and 303 horses. The scheme is to
utilize A and B batteries as the nucleus
of the volunteer batteries of the contin-
gent. The mobilization would be carried
out as follows: One section of A battery
would be the nucleus of the Kingston
corps, another section being brought to
Ottawa for a similar purpose. B bat-
tery would be made the nucleus of the
Quebec corps. How far this plan will be
adhered to has, however, become a mat-
ter of conjecture, since the authorization
of the cabinet is withheld.

As for the cavalry division of four
squadrons, it would appear that the
scheme of the militia department for
its enrolment is also in abeyance. That
the framework of each squadron will be
Northwest Mounted Police and Royal

Canadian Dragoons is taken for granted.
But no orders appear to have been sent
out either to Toronto or Regina looking
to these two mounted bodies for service
in South Africa.

Hugh Allan of the Allan Steamship
Company was in the city in connection
with the subject of the transportation of
troops to Capetown. The steamship Par-
isian has been offered for service. An-
other offer comes in the Elder Dempster
Company, of the large freighter Monte-
zuma, a steamer which carried a large
consignment of army mules from the
United States to South Africa. It is said
the Montezuma is of sufficient capacity
to transport the contingent in its en-
tirety.

Col. Evans could have command of the
cavalry, but it is feared he cannot arrive
from Dawson in time. Therefore it is
likely Lessard will have command of the
cavalry and Drury of the artillery. Both
officers are now in South Africa.

Campaign Folly Of the Liberals.

Quebecers Promised That Lau-
rier Would Not Send Them
to African Wars.

And Warned That Tupper Bought
Rifles and Cannons for
Their Sacrifice.

Special to the Colonist.

Quebec, Dec. 19.—The Courier du Cana-
da publishes a copy of a Liberal elec-
toral pamphlet issued at Quebec during
the campaign of 1896. The paper refers
in the same connection to speeches de-
livered in the Commons at the session
of 1896 against the vote asked by the
Conservative government for new rifles
for the Canadian troops. The brochure is
entitled "Do you wish for war?" and has
for sub-title, "Three million dollars for
guns, cannons and bayonets as imminent
dangers for you, cultivators." The first
lines of the pamphlet follows: "One of
the blunders of old Tupper is Imperial
federation, which signifies a more inti-
mate alliance between England and her
colonies in general and Canada in par-
ticular."

This is another gem: "One condition
of the alliance which has in times of
war Canada will be called upon to pay its
share of cost in money and in men.
Thus, as England is always at war with
somebody, we will have continually to
tax ourselves to find money and draw lots
to furnish men. In return England will
create these dread Baronets, Knights in
this and Commanders of that, but the
people will remain food for cannon. Why
all these armaments if we were not to
have war? And why fight for England?

Electors should remember that these
great lords who are so anxious to
show themselves for patriots are no more
loyal than others, and are they to throw
us into war for the benefit of others?
Will not be the ones to support the
burden of it? It is the electors who will
have to use these machines and these
cannons. We are considered quite good
enough to furnish food for cannon. The
Tuppers, the Angers, the Tallons, will
be in their ministerial offices when they
will send us to our posts. With joy in
their hearts and a glass of champagne
in their hands, they will send our child-
ren to Africa or to Asia whence they will
never return. If you vote for Blue can-
didates you approve all these prepara-
tions for war. Vote for Laurier and his
candidates if you wish to see your coun-
try enjoy tranquillity, and not to expose
yourself to have to leave one of these
fine mornings for distant shores, leaving
behind your wives, your children and all
that is dear to you."

The Courier remarks that it was by
such means as this that the Liberals ob-
tained power in 1896, and it remarks
that, in the light of recent events, there
is bitter irony in the words: "Why fight
for England? They will send your child-
ren to Africa. Vote for Laurier and his
candidates if you would be spared the
evils of war."

EARL TANKERVILLE DEAD.

London, Dec. 19.—The Earl of Tanker-
ville (Charles Bennett) is dead. He has
been Lord Colonel of the First Battalion
of Northumberland Fusiliers since 1874.
The Marquis of Queensberry, who was
found insensible in bed at his club yester-
day, is now in a critical condition.

LONDON BANK FAILS.

London, Dec. 19.—The failure of the
London & Northern Bank, Limited, was
announced to-day. The directors issued
a statement showing that its assets
should fully cover liabilities.

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ed Men Answering First
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ment of Regulars.

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penses of Regiment From
That City.

London, Dec. 20.—(4 a. m.)—The govern-
ment has at last consented to
mobilize a force which Gen. Buller is
credited with having demanded all along
as an essential of success in South
Africa, namely ten thousand mounted in-
fantry.

This morning the war office issued an
order to the effect that the government
had decided to raise for South Africa a
mounted infantry force to be called
"Imperial Yeomanry," and to be re-
cruited from Yeomanry Volunteers and
civilians possessing the requisite qualifi-
cation. Enlistment will be for one year,
or during the continuance of the war.
The men must be between 20 and 35
years old and of equal physique to the
ordinary cavalry soldiers. Officers and
men are to provide their own horses and
to wear neutral cloth shooting jackets,
not necessarily uniform, felt hats,
breaches and gaiters. All must be good
riders and marksmen.

The same order invites every Volunteer
regiment that is allied with a regular bat-
talion serving at the front to supply a
full company, which will take the place
of the mounted infantry of the regiment.
These arrangements are expected to re-
sult in a considerable force. The en-
rolled strength of the Yeomanry forces,
which originated in the troublous period
of the French revolution, is now 10,433.
Their services have never been called in
war before.

The Lord Mayor of London, Mr. Al-
fred Newton, is raising a force of
a thousand Volunteers among the city
corps. The large city firms are con-
tributing the necessary expenses. Col.
Sir Howard Vincent, commander of the
Queen's Westminster Volunteers, has
also offered to raise a regiment of a
thousand picked marksmen. The enthu-
siasm of Volunteer enlistments con-
tinues and promises to give the govern-
ment ample material.

GENERAL LAWTON'S FATE.

The Lately Missing American Com-
mander Shot by the Rebels at
San Mateo.

Manila, Dec. 19.—Major-General Henry
Lawton has been shot and killed at San
Mateo.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Up to 1 o'clock
this afternoon the war office had re-
ceived no word of Gen. Lawton's death
except that conveyed in the Associated
Press despatches. The cabinet
received the news with expressions of
profound sorrow and regret. It was
learned at the war department that Gen.
Lawton's commission as a brigadier-
general in the regular army was in pro-
cess of preparation when the news of his
death was received.

The war department only to-night re-
ceived official confirmation. Gen. Law-
ton, it appears, was engaged in driving
the insurgents from San Mateo section,
northeast of Manila, when he was killed
instantly at 9:30 yesterday morning. "A
great loss to us and his country," is the
comment of Gen. Otis in his despatch.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

London, Dec. 19.—A most impressive
service was held in St. Paul's Cathedral
to-day in memoriam of the soldiers killed
in South Africa. The Lord Mayor,
Mr. A. J. Newton, and the city officials
attended in their robes of office. The
cathedral was thronged, those present in-
cluding the Duke of Cambridge and the
Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary of
state for war.

LONDON VOLUNTEERS READY.

London, Dec. 19.—Ninety per cent. of
the members of the Honorable Artillery
Company of London have volunteered
for service in South Africa. Two-thirds
of the Inns of Court volunteers, com-
posed of barristers and solicitors, have
likewise tendered their services.

PARISIAN AS A TRANSPORT.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—The Dominion gov-
ernment is negotiating with the Allan
Steamship Company for the transpor-
tation of the second Canadian contingent
for South Africa. It is expected that
the Parisian will be chartered as a troop-
ship.

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1,500 LITTLE CARIBOO	1 1/2
750 MONTH CHRISTO	7
2,000 FONTENAY	14
3,000 NOBLE FIVE	20
38,000 TREASURY MINES (Surprise, Texas)	1 1/2
2,104 NEST EGG FIRE FLY	1
1,000 MOLLY GIBSON	35
2,000 RATHMULLEN (Boundary)	7
3,000 RATHMULLEN (Boundary)	8
1,000 VICTORIA-TEXADA	2
2,000 VAN ANDA	5 1/2
2,000 KING (Oro Denero)	28
1,000 BRANDON & GOLDEN	30
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THE WAR.

Yesterday was very barren of war news, the sole feature being the refusal of the war office either to admit or deny the report that Gen. Buller had crossed the Tugela, and that Gen. Methuen's line of communication had been cut.

The call for reinforcements for South Africa is being met in a noble manner in the colonies as well as in the Mother Country. There will be no difficulty about procuring as many men as may be wanted.

We do not understand the alarmist articles which some of the London papers are printing about India. The best way to preserve peace is to carry on war in a manner that admits of no other construction than that the Empire is confident of its ability to meet any emergency and determined to win at any cost. It is to be remembered in this connection that only the pessimistic comments of the press are telegraphed to America, and these are given without the qualifying context.

THE BOUNDARY BAY SCHEME.

To-night the city council will discuss the proposed by-law to lend the aid of the city to a scheme to construct a railway from Boundary Bay to Chilliwack, to establish a ferry connection with the Victoria & Sidney line, to acquire that railway, and to extend it to connect with the E. & N. railway. While every one in Victoria would be glad to see some kind of railway connection established with the Mainland, the proposed plan will hardly commend itself to the taxpayers.

Who is behind this project? Mr. C. E. Renouf has been most active in championing it, but he has taken the precaution to say at one or more public meetings that when the by-law has been adopted his connection with the enterprise will cease, so that he is not to be regarded as the responsible individual. Trustees are named in the by-law, but we do not understand that they are promoting the scheme. It is calculated that certain individuals shall subscribe \$100,000. As yet not a dollar has been promised. There is no man or combination of men who are prepared to say that, if the city adopts the proposed by-law the scheme will be taken up. We submit that the city council, if it has the right to decline to submit a by-law under any circumstances, should exercise that power when one involving the prospective pledging of the credit of the city to a large and indefinite amount is brought forward without the slightest guarantee that any one is prepared to carry the proposal into effect. It is not suggested by any one that the \$500,000 which the city is to be asked to contribute as stock will secure the construction of the proposed railway and ferry. It is not proposed that the city shall undertake to work the scheme through. Now we submit that a proposal, which is such an insubstantial thing that no one stands prepared to assume the responsibility of carrying it out, ought not to be considered by the people of Victoria for a single moment.

The scheme contemplates that the Victoria & Sidney railway shall be acquired and extended to a junction with the E. & N. No one pretends to know for a certainty what this will cost, but it has been said that Mr. Paterson thinks \$150,000 will be sufficient. The undisclosed promoters of the scheme do not state how they propose to extend the line to connect with the E. & N. If they propose to deflect the V. & S. out to the bank of the Arm and run down along that water front, the proposed \$150,000 will not half pay for the right-of-way. If they propose, as the by-law indicates, to run down through some street or streets, the right-of-way will cost nothing at all, which will leave \$150,000 to pay for a wharf at Sidney, the balance, or something over \$100,000, to go to Mr. Paterson for the railway. Some people may think that a portion of the money will be required to put the V. & S. into condition to handle transcontinental traffic, but Mr. Paterson, on being asked about this at a public meeting, said that the road was already fit for such business. Mr. Renouf has said on several occasions that no one felt like asking Mr. Paterson how much he will take for the V. & S.; but we submit that one thing the people of Victoria will want to know is how much Mr. Paterson is to be given for the railway. As a matter of business we submit that this lies at the very foundation of the whole matter. Before the by-law is submitted to a vote the ratepayers ought to have definite information upon the following points in this connection:

How is it proposed to extend the V. & S. into the centre of the city?

What will be the approximate cost of the proposed terminals at Sidney?

What will be the cost, if any, of putting the V. & S. into condition to handle transcontinental traffic?

How much is Mr. Paterson willing to take and surrender his interest in the V. & S.?

If the V. & S. is to be extended down any one or more of the public streets, is it contemplated to compensate abutting owners for the damage resulting to their property, and if so what will the amount of such damage be?

All that any one knows upon these points is what can be gathered from remarks of Mr. Renouf at several public meetings, to the effect that he did not feel like asking Mr. Paterson squarely what he would take for the railway, but had asked him if he thought \$150,000 would be enough to cover the extension to the city, the terminals at Sidney, and the purchase of his interest in the road, and he had replied that he did. Will the city council seriously propose to ask the citizens to vote \$500,000 into any such blind scheme as this? The worst of it is that the city is not asked to contribute a certain sum and have done with it, but is expected to become a stockholder in a company—to put a pig in a poke. Would any individual consider such a proposition for a moment if it involved his own money? Would he not insist on having more information? We fancy that he would unless he were bereft of ordinary common sense. We are not arguing that the city council ought to refuse to submit a by-law for which the requisite number of ratepayers have asked, for we believe thoroughly in the principle of permitting the people to determine such questions for themselves. But we do say that it is the duty of the city council, as the custodian of the interests of the taxpayers, to insist before any by-law involving a charge upon the property of the taxpayers is submitted to a vote, that definite information shall be given as to whether the scheme to which the money is to be voted can be carried out, and the uses to which it is proposed to put the money.

The proposal is that the by-law shall not take effect unless certain contingencies are complied with. These are not specified in the by-law but it is understood that one of these is that \$100,000 of stock shall be subscribed by private individuals, another is that the provincial and federal governments shall give certain bonuses, another is that the Mainland municipalities shall take a certain amount of stock and the last is that the remainder of the cost of the project, which is not to exceed \$1,500,000, shall be raised by the flotation of bonds. We submit as a business proposition that the undisclosed promoters of this scheme are putting the cart before the horse. A more businesslike proposition would have been for the promoters to have obtained a subscription of the necessary stock from private persons, to have obtained a careful estimate of the whole cost of the project in detail, to have gone into the money market and made a conditional agreement for the flotation of the bonds, and then come to the city, the municipalities and the governments asking for aid. Or they might very properly have approached the governments before attempting to arrange for the bonds. If this had been done something like a definite proposal could have been made to the ratepayers; but none can now be made. At one of the meetings called to discuss this matter, a speaker asked why more exact figures as to the cost had not been obtained, but only such a general report as Mr. Bell was able to make from a very cursory examination. The answer was there was no money to pay for such an exact examination as would be necessary; that the only sum available was the small amount of \$250 voted by the city for the purpose. Yet every one knows, or ought to know, that before a dollar can be raised on bonds, such an examination and report will have to be made. Who is to pay for it? Not the city, for none of the city's money will be available until all the conditions imposed by the by-law have been complied with. Yet until such an examination and report have been made, no one can pretend to say whether the project can be carried out for the sum proposed. Here are some matters in addition to those mentioned above upon which no one has any definite information:

The availability of the proposed ferry landing at White Rock, Boundary Bay, and the cost of constructing terminals there.

The cost of the right of way through the municipalities between the Coast and Chilliwack.

The cost of the line between Boundary Bay and Chilliwack.

There is not a financier in the world who would talk five minutes with a railway promoter with no more information on these points than has been given to the public. We know that Mr. Bell is very well informed as to the cost of railway construction through a portion of the Mainland, which the proposed railway would traverse, but he does not claim to have made such an examination of the road from White Rock to Chilliwack as will enable him to give more than an approximation of the cost. There are other matters to be considered in connection with this project, but in this article we have confined ourselves to those which lie right upon the surface and touch the financial side of the proposal. The policy of the proposal is a matter for the ratepayers; but the responsibility of seeing that before the ratepayers are asked to pronounce upon the scheme, they are put in possession of something that can be called definite information as to its feasibility from a financial standpoint rests with the city council.

We print the by-law in extenso this morning, and only regret that it is impossible in the space available to comment upon it in detail. Two or three matters may be mentioned in passing. One of them is that the by-law authorizes the proposed trustees to use the money for the purposes of the proposed railway and ferry "or for such other purpose as the trustees may deem advisable." This is certainly a very extraordinary request to make to the ratepayers. A second notable feature of the by-law is that it provides for the recovery by the city of damages against

the company. Now we have been told that only \$700,000 of stock would be needed to secure the carrying out of the project and of this the city is to pay five-sevenths. Therefore the city is to be given a right of action against itself; if a company upon whose directorate it has a single representative infringes any of the conditions of the by-law. Another feature of the case is this: The city is asked to subscribe \$500,000 of stock. The plan contemplates a bond issue of \$500,000. These bonds cannot be floated at par. No financial man would pretend for an instant that they can be. If they could be placed at 80, they would be well placed. This would mean that to raise the necessary \$500,000 at least \$600,000 of bonds would have to be sold. If default were made in the payment of interest, the city would have to assume the bonds or lose its \$500,000 of stock, and by and bye, when the Victoria & Sidney railroad bonds fall due, the city must take care of these or lose that road. The by-law therefore contemplates that the city may incur a responsibility of at least \$1,400,000, and as much more than the estimated \$1,500,000 as the project shall be found to cost. The ultimate obligation which the city may incur under the proposed scheme may reach \$2,000,000. Why, may we ask, is it proposed to capitalize the company at \$2,000,000 if the project is to cost only \$1,500,000, and \$800,000 of this is to be raised by bonds and bonuses?

It is beginning to look as if there was some foundation for the reports of rich gold-bearing quartz near Dawson.

Mr. Tarte's protest that "it must not be made a precedent" has amounted to very little, as a second contingent is being arranged for.

The San Francisco Argonaut pithily remarks that the Philippine war is bad enough, but "it is as nothing to the Philippine peace to follow."

The money market is much disturbed, and a panic-like feeling is reported from New York. The Bank of Germany has raised its discount rate to 7 per cent.

The whereabouts of Gen. Lawton, U. S. A., has been determined. He is dead. It speaks volumes for the difficulty of conducting military operations in the Philippines that a general officer could be killed, and many days pass without the army knowing it.

THE BOER BARBARIANS.

(A reply to a speech of Lord Mayor Tallon, Dublin.)

I. "A handful of farmers," the Lord Mayor said, "And shouting patriots cheered his words. For years Khama's countrymen bled. Beneath the lash of those barbarous hordes."

II. In the Netherlands dwells a sturdy race, For ages well known in art and song; Conservative still, yet they travel apace With the nations that progress leads along.

III. Not so with the Boer beyond the sea—ignorant, superstitious, intolerant folk. What though they boast their country free; It groans beneath the tyrant's yoke.

IV. A republic, indeed, it may be in name; Constitutional law is not there understood. A republic and empire are the same. When the Magna Charta doesn't hold good.

V. They claim they fight for their homes and land. Their land and homes are not in Natal. In fact they try, and try hard, to expand The fief and fiefdom of Kruger cabal.

VI. Then, here's to the Briton; success to his cause; For blinded by prejudice he who can't see That end of the realm and wise British laws Have made African bondsmen forever more free.

Victoria, December 18, 1899. T. J. P.

After a Cold Drive a teaspoonful of Pain-Killer mixed with a glass of hot water and sugar will be found a better stimulant than whisky. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis', 25c. and 50c.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20,

The Best Talent in Victoria will take part in the Programme

ADMISSION - 25 CENTS

A brief exercise of the pupils will be a special feature of the programme.

Tickets are on sale at Hibbens' Book Store, Victoria Stationery Co.'s and Wilby's, at Jones', Campbell's and Hall's Drug Store.

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Just Arrived at

Oriental Bazaar, 90 Douglas Street and at

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Best Place to get Japanese Fancy Goods

Special Reductions on Prices for this Month.

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Fountain Pens, Dressing Cases, Shaving Sets, Writing Cases, Prang's Art Medallions, Collar and Cuff Boxes, New Stock Prayer and Hymn Books, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, Best Dolls in Town, Games of all kinds, Magic Lanterns, Books by the thousands.

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To Enjoy Christmas, You Want Your Cakes Right.

We guarantee to furnish the best quality at the lowest cost. Here patrons will have an immense assortment from which to make selections. There will be no difficulty in assortment from which to make selections, charged will be as little, for the quality given, as anywhere else. Our supply of Xmas Cakes will include over thirty varieties. Below are four items from our stock. Others will be given from day to day up to Christmas. Watch for them.

English Plum Pudding.

The best made—carefully prepared from the finest whole, clean fruit; deliciously seasoned. It will remind you of the kind your mother used to make. We will have them in three sizes at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Plum and Fruit Cakes.

Last year we had a demand for a cake of this kind, but cheaper than 30c. lb. We are now offering some, without reducing the quality, but by using less fruit, at 15c, 20c. and 25c. per pound.

Peal and Sultana Cakes.

These are by far the choicest cakes we have ever turned out. The materials are all of the purest quality, the making, mixing and cooking the very best. As a cake for Her Majesty the Victoria housekeeper, to be proud of, 20c. per pound.

Scotch Short Bread.

The name reminds you no doubt of Xmas in the Old Land. Not often you get Scotch Short Bread though of the genuine sort—most generally it is a substitution. This we guarantee to be as near the genuine as possible—30c.

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"DAVID GARRICK"
SATURDAY, Dec. 23.
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THERE WILL BE A
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PRIZE DRAWING
AT THE ABOVE STORE ON
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AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING
For the following prizes: 1st prize (value \$75), 1 grand, 10-story almond loaf, first class English Fruit Cake, 2nd prize, Large, square, artistically ornamented rich Fruit Cake, 3rd—Large size rich Xmas plum pudding, 4th prize—Medium size first class English Plum Pudding.

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Don't fail to call and see the grand display of Xmas and New Year confectionery which will be on exhibition during the holidays at the noted Caledonian Bakery Establishment, 112 Yates Street.
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always relieves and often cures
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The well known pair of pure bred
JAPANESE & SPANIELS,
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Also—pair Japanese puppies (male and female), bred from same.
Aside from their popularity as ladies' pets on account of their gentleness, they are of great value for breeding purposes.
Apply MRS. COLTART,
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Spencer's Dainty Handkerchiefs

Our word for their goodness—your word for their beauty. The prettiest handkerchiefs for Christmas that we could find—handsome, embroidered, edges, embroidered initials, hem-stitched, pure, fine linen. A regular treat for all who love the beautiful and delicate in handkerchiefs. Here is a hint of the many you may choose from:

Shamrock Lawn, hand-loom woven, embroidered edges 50c.
Shamrock Lawn, hemstitched by hand 50c.
Finer qualities 75c. to \$1.50
Plain Hemstitched Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, a dozen in a nice box....
..... \$3.75, \$4.50, \$5 and \$6 per doz.
Good Irish Lawn Handkerchiefs, Swiss Embroidered \$3 per doz.
Real Lace Handkerchiefs, \$1.50 to \$2.50, no two alike.

Men's Silk Ties

When giving presents one wants to be sure that the article is quite correct—correct in style, correct in make and finish. See our showing of neckwear. Many of them not in the store a week.

Prices 50c. and \$1.00

Slippers

The kind that a man likes to wear at home evenings, as well as dress slippers. See the window display of ladies' slippers. Shapes that are comfortable, as well as smart.

SPECIAL FOR TO-NIGHT AT 7.30

156 Photo Scene openings for Cabinets 25c
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VICTORIA TIDES.

(By Mr. Napier Denison.)

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to 14 feet of water in the channel of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and 18.6 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt dry dock.

Time.	Height above zero.	Time.	Height above zero.
7:40 a.m.	9.0 feet.	7:55 a.m.	9.0 feet.
11:45 a.m.	7.7 feet.	12:40 p.m.	7.3 feet.
2:50 p.m.	8.3 feet.	4:01 p.m.	7.5 feet.
11:50 p.m.	1.8 feet.		

SEE OUR WINDOWS Before Buying Xmas Presents.

PERFUMES, TRAVELING CASES, TOILET CASES, ETC.

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Voss and the dining room waiter contradicted Davis in the material detail that he knew the hour was after 10 as the dining room closed at 10, by establishing the fact that the dining room was never closed. The bartender distinctly denied having made the sale alleged; and the magistrate determined to take until Thursday for consideration before giving judgment—the point at issue being the exact value to be placed upon the testimony of the informer and his friend.

A Correction.—Miss Vogel's name was inserted in the programme of Miss Merritt's concert without her knowledge or consent. She will not take any part in the entertainment.

Dawson Mail.—The steamer Danube yesterday brought a heavy Northern mail, including a number of sacks from Dawson and other points in the interior.

School Decorations.—The various public schools have been very nicely decorated for the approaching holiday season by the scholars, under the direction of the teachers, and the rooms present a very pleasing appearance.

Comfortable Rooms.—The rooms of the Y. W. C. A. have recently been rearranged looking to the comfort and convenience of young women engaged in business, all of whom are invited to make use of them. They can either take their own lunch baskets there or secure lunch and tea from the matron.

Funeral Today.—The remains of the late Edward James Gray, who was killed in a sawmill at Lake Bennett last month, arrived from the North on the Danube yesterday. The funeral will take place at 2:15 this afternoon from the family residence, 316 Douglas street and fifteen minutes later at the Centennial Methodist church.

A Fine Point.—A petition was in circulation yesterday among Store street business men, addressed to the Indian department, and requesting that the department protest to the city council against the combination of the offices of assistant police court prosecutor and Chinook interpreter. The petition points out that while in the past the Chief has both prosecuted and interpreted the evidence, such a course is not in accordance with the principles of British courts and is open to grave objection.

Laid at Rest.—One of the most largely attended funerals which has taken place in the city for some time was that of Mr. P. F. Rait, which took place from the residence of Mr. M. Baker, Frederick street, yesterday afternoon. The Rev. Mr. Speer conducted the services and those assisting as pallbearers were Messrs. C. R. King, T. R. Dee and Richard and Colson, representing the F. & W. H. Pennock, A. E. Maitland, and C. E. Watkins, representing the Woodmen of the World.

To the Charitable.—The Friendly Help again remind the generous public that there are many, who through no fault of their own, will be unable to participate in the good cheer of this Christmas time unless assistance be given them. This society has the best of opportunities of knowing where help is required, and the donors may rely upon its discretion in dispensing their charities. The abundant supply of hitherto of the public schools will this year be wanting unless these dear little one will, though forbidden to bring their gifts to the schools, kindly hand them in to the Friendly Help room in the Public Market building, where a committee will be in attendance all day on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week to receive them.

The Hilarious Native.—A dusky resident who had imbibed too much for the good of his health, contributed a fine of \$5 in the police court yesterday. The police have been busy during the last few days past in assisting the sealing captains to round up absent members of their crews, who having received the usual advance had promptly applied the major portion of it to a final spree ashore. The discretion and sound common sense exercised by the police in this matter annually, is only equalled by their zeal in performance of a thankless and unprofitable duty somewhat apart from their sworn obligations.

An Interesting Competition.—At the meeting of the public school board on Monday evening last, a letter from Principal E. B. Paul of the High school was read, informing the board that Ald. Hayward had been so good as to offer a handsome flag as a trophy for competition in drill among the companies of the High school. This offer was accepted with thanks by Mr. Hayward, and Principal Paul was asked to hold the competition some day this week, he being at present engaged in securing the most competent judges. Much rivalry exists among the boys and girls of the High school, each of whom is naturally anxious that his or her company shall achieve the distinction.

Neatly Nipped.—One of the members of the Vancouver detective force arrived over last evening to escort back to the Mainland a light-fingered Chinaman known as Ah Quong, whom Detectives Perdue, Palmer and Walker had arrested Monday night for theft. Quong is a tall, distinguished Chinaman affecting the European dress but never forgetting the hand-williness of his race. He has been out of town for some little time past, and shortly before Detective Perdue noticed his familiar form on the street. Interpreter McLean had been talking with him in regard to the clever robbery of a Vancouver jeweller house by some unknown Chinaman, a gold watch being the booty. The thief in this case had inspected watches with a view to purchase, and by a simple twist of the wrist concealed the best one offered in his spacious sleeve, escaping before the theft was noted. This little story set the detective thinking, and happening to meet Ah Quong a short time after, he casually inquired the time. "No watch," said the Celestial with the smile that is childlike and bland. He was arrested on general principles, and a fine gold watch purchased itself. Quong still smiled, as though he had made a pleasant discovery of possession. Then the wire was set in operation, and the watch found to answer the description even to the number of that stolen in Vancouver. It's a clear case against the cute Chinese.

BRONCHITIS.

Mr. William Davidson, St. Andrews, Quebec, states: Dr. Chase's Syrup of Marshmallows and Turpentine has cured me of bronchitis. I have, without success, tried many remedies for the past six years. Last winter when I had a severe attack and was unable to work I procured a bottle of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Marshmallows and Turpentine and am happy to state that the third bottle made me a well man. 25 cents a bottle. Family size 60 cents.

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Ladies' Travelling Toilet Cases.
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Shaving Sets (with guaranteed Razors).
Manicure Sets (in Leather).
The above are all very suitable for Xmas Presents.

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100 Government St. Near Yates.

The Little Store with
the Big Business

A Good Cause.—This is the evening of the concert to be given in A. O. U. W. hall in aid of the school for deaf muteness. It should be largely attended.

Nurses Volunteer.—Miss Grady, matron of the Jubilee Hospital, and Miss Graves, formerly of the staff of the same institution, both trained and experienced nurses, have again volunteered for service in South Africa. They yesterday telegraphed to Ottawa, asking to be attached to the second Canadian contingent.

"The May Queen."—The cantata, "The May Queen," was repeated in the Institute hall last night to a fair audience, and was rendered very acceptably, although a number of the members of the chorus were unable to be present.

Not Sustained.—A meeting of the Junior Association Football League was held on Monday evening to consider a protest lodged by the South Parks against the Maple Leaves. The protest was not sustained.

Holiday presents, comprising English Dram Flasks, Silver-Mounted Pipes, Shaving, Sporting and Pocket Cutlery, Skates, Gloves, Footballs, Snuffboxes, Bags, Golf Goods, Fishing Tackle, Shooting Jackets, Cartridge Vests, Sporting Supplies, etc., at Henry Short & Sons', 72 Douglas street.

Liquidator's Remuneration.—In the Supreme court yesterday, before Mr. Justice Drake, application was made by Mr. J. A. Macdonald, counsel for R. Plevman, the liquidator of the O. K. Mining Co., for remuneration for winding up the affairs of the company. Mr. E. V. Bodwell, Q. C., appeared for the Old National Bank of Spokane. Judgment was reserved.

Fire Escape Act.—A suggestion has been forwarded to Fire Chief Deasy to Attorney-General Henderson, to the effect that the law dealing with fire escapes should be so amended as to provide that in schools and hospitals of more than two stories, a metallic outside stairway, instead of an iron ladder, should be erected outside the building. This would make it a great deal easier to rescue children or sick persons in case of fire.

Salmon Market.—"The demand for salmon has been slightly better, and prices are somewhat firmer. Half-pound tins have slightly advanced. We find that an error occurred in the report on the salmon market at Liverpool last week, that the supply of half-pound Fraser River is ample for present requirements, and prices are receding. The position is, that half-pound tins are exceedingly scarce and difficult to buy, both on the spot and for forward delivery, and consequently prices are gradually hardening."—London Grocers' Gazette.

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Natural curly fringes, Pompadour Rolls and Combs, etc. Combings made up in any style; also Hair Dressing, Shampooing, Scalp Treatment, Face Massage, Manicuring, etc., at

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This magnificent property, charmingly situated, consists of 300 acres of first-class farming land, 150 acres of which are under cultivation, the balance being bush land of the best quality, easily cleared. This property is for sale at \$37.50 per acre, and is probably the greatest bargain ever offered in the way of first-class farming property in Saanich.

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We are giving with every purchase of \$1.00 a handsome

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We are also giving away for the least money the most beautiful line of.....

Christmas Presents

Two floors full of Music, Music Rolls, Musical Instruments of every description, Graphophones and Phonographs, and all kinds of Golf Goods.

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Ground Almonds
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All other lines in season,
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You want AN OLD RELIABLE, WELL-ESTABLISHED COMPANY, that will issue a liberal policy, and will give you the LOWEST PREMIUM. Before insuring obtain the rates and plans of

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Our large stock Xmas Musical Goods have arrived. For quality and price we offer you the best selected stock in the city. Give us a call.

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And a large variety of useful and fancy novelties in silver of the latest designs—the correct thing for Xmas presents. The prices are reasonable.

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The Westside Store News.

Silks for Gifts
A Waist Pattern, a dress pattern, a skirt pattern is a gift that is always delightful to a woman or girl; and there can be no size mistake—the garment is made up to fit and to suit the taste of the recipient.
Check and Stripe Silks, suitable for blouses, 65c 75c \$1 and 50cts.
All our choicest Check and Stripe Silks will be sold this week at \$1.25
Cold Taffeta, all shades, 75 cents.
Cold Gro Grain, all shades, 90cts.
We have just received to-day a large stock of black Bengalines, black Failles black Brocades, black Tulleas, black Peau-de-Soie and black Duchesse satin.

FURS
FASHION is agog over the small furs, — cluster — scarfs collarettes and muffs.
A large stock of grey Opposum Collars... from \$2 to \$5
Muffs to match... \$2.00 to \$4.00
Lynx Collarettes... \$4.50
Lynx Muffs to match... \$4.50
Collarettes of different styles and qualities of Fur, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$10.50, \$14, and a few 16.50 of those beauties at.....
Muffs to match any of the above.
Marten Collarettes... 10.50
"A Prize" Stone Marten Collarette... 22.50

A Manoeuvre in Silk Waists
COMFORT for you means business for us. The story is short, the points are sharp.
1st. We offer the largest stock of Silk Waists.
2nd. The assortment is ample to meet every taste.
3rd. The prices in Tucked Silk, \$3.50, in Satin and better Silks \$3.50 to \$9.00.

Lace and Silk Ties
Silk Ties beautifully designed, 35cts.
Lace Ties as now worn... 75cts.
The new Flowing Silk Tie, 75 cents and... \$1.00.
Silk Ties Plain Colored, Silk Fringed, 75 cents and \$1.00.

Silk Hose
WHAT a world of comfort, luxury and prettiness! A thoughtful thing to give.
Ladies' Silk Plaited Hose, assorted opera shades, 90c, and 65cts.
Ladies' black and colored Silk Plaited Hose, lace ankles, \$1.00
Ladies' special black Silk Plaited Hose... \$1.50

Belts for Gifts
THERE are two ways of inviting you to see the Christmas collection of Belts—to tell of the many handsome ones and describe their beauties, or to tell you of the new
Dog Collar Belt, we have them, \$1.00 to \$1.75
Plain black and ten Leather Belts... 35cts to 75cts.
Fancy elastic Emailed and Sequin designs... \$2.00.

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We have just received from the Manufacturers in England
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Albion Iron Works Co., Ltd.
Are now offering their large variety of
STOVES and RANGES
At Wholesale Prices

Don't buy an Imported Stove when you can buy the Home-made Article for less money.

A call at their store-rooms on Store Street and Pembroke Street will convince you.

Plating in all its Branches is now Executed by Competent Workmen

Cameron,
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Shirts, Collars, Cuffs
All make the best of presents. Make a note of the size collar and shirt husband, son or brother wears. But why tell more? Come in now. We'll willingly make an effort to find for you just that which will make the best and most suitable present. And more, we'll willingly exchange anything after Xmas that is not satisfactory.

Gloves.
Kid gloves, 60c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.
Mocha tan gloves, 10th silk lining, \$1.50, an exceptionally good glove for a present and very handsome.

Umbrellas,
Pure silk umbrellas, with close, rolling steel rod frame—natural polished wood handles. This umbrella when rolled is no larger than a cane—each in a nice cover—\$3.50. Nothing sold elsewhere like it for less than a five dollar bill.

Hats,
\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50. In this department are to be found all the latest styles.

Handkerchiefs,
Silk initial handkerchiefs, 23x27 inches square, with 2-inch hem-stitch border; handsomely worked initials—50 cents.

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Trouble in A Shipyard.

Ship Caulkers Explain Difficulties of the Union With the Central Yard.

Danube Down From North--Overdue Vessels Bound to British Columbia Ports.

The trouble which has been brewing between the local Shipwrights' and Caulkers' Association and William Turpel, proprietor of the Central Shipyard, has culminated in the association repudiating the yard as a union one. Notice to this effect was given in the Colonist yesterday morning by the insertion of the following advertisement:

"Notice: To Shipowners and Carpenters.—Mr. Turpel's shipyard (Central) being advertised by the owners as a non-union shipyard, until further notice members of this association decline to work on any vessel handled in the above yard. (Signed) Executive Committee of the Shipwrights' and Caulkers' Association of Victoria and Esquimaux."

Mr. Turpel's refusal to meet the wishes of the shipwrights and caulkers is understood to be based on the contention that he has been compelled to employ inferior union workmen, and that union workmen were in the habit of doing jobs around the waterfront, to the detriment of business of the yard. The caulkers and shipwrights explain that last summer the association was re-organized, as the men concluded it was high time they had some protection for the trade, as house carpenters and bridge builders, at lower wages, were put amongst them, the boss getting the benefit of the difference in wages. Some of the men worked on a scow in Mr. Turpel's yard last spring expecting to get the regular wage of \$4.50 per day, but they only received \$3.50, and some \$4 per day. The Boscowitz was repaired in the same way, all kinds of labor being employed. Hence the necessity of the association. The only attempt at strikes in the Central yard was when Mr. Turpel attempted to work non-union men, and so the case stands.

OVERDUE VESSELS.

A Number of Craft Making Long Voyages to This Port.

The Journal of Commerce of Liverpool published on December 1 the following list of the vessels bound to this port, the number of days they are out, and the rates on which re-insurance closed on them: Kennebec, 109, 7; Australian, 949, 15; Canrobert, 189, 10; Rajore, 155, 3; Godiva, 155, 5; General Neumayer, 159, 5; Normandie, 141, 7; Morechal de Turenne, 136, 5 to 7; Cassard, 132, 5 to 7; Louis Pasteur, 136, 5; Jules Verne, 114, 5; Stronsa, 157, 5 per cent.

Thos. Lorne and Holyoke are back in port after having towed the salmon ships Comoy of Cardigan and Kilharney to sea. The steamer Queen arrived yesterday

after a quick passage from San Francisco.

THE DANUBE IN.

With Good Freight and Passenger Lists From the North.

With eighteen passengers and a good freight list, the C.P.N. steamer Danube arrived from Skagway yesterday morning. The Victoria passengers were D. McKinnon, D. E. McLeod, O. Johnson, R. Wollaston, C. Anderson; for Vancouver, A. Branchett, H. L. Wheeler, J. S. Dougherty, C. Eakin and J. McLennan; for Seattle, E. W. Sanderson, A. Caldwell, L. Dawson, B. H. Christie, J. Larson, C. Huff, J. Mosher; for Tacoma, Mrs. Smith. The Danube sails North again this evening.

SICK HEADACHES.

The cause of overworked womanhood, are quickly and surely cured by Karl's Clover Root Tea, the great blood purifier and tissue builder. Money refunded if not satisfactory. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. All druggists.

PERSONAL.

W. A. Ward of Alberni is a guest at the Oriental.

P. T. Patton returned from the Mainland last evening.

Col. Charles Reichenbach of Dawson is at the Oriental.

Mrs. N. D. Macaulay returned from the Sound yesterday.

J. M. Kellie, M.P.P., of Revelstoke, is here for the session.

Dr. Ernest Hall was a passenger from the Mainland yesterday.

W. H. Armstrong, of Armstrong & Morrison, Vancouver, is in the city.

Capt. David Gilmore, Puget Sound pilot, is a guest at the Hotel Victoria.

J. Wilson and Albert Caldwell of Skagway registered at the Victoria yesterday.

H. R. Roberts and the Misses Moore, of the Moore-Roberts Company, are at the Victoria.

Mrs. Von Rhein, who went to Vancouver to attend the funeral of her brother, the late W. Caldwell, returned home last evening.

Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Hugh Wright, mother and sister of the late E. J. Gray, came over from the Sound yesterday to attend the funeral to-day.

Capt. H. H. Lloyd and J. S. Lattimer, United States customs officers, came over from the Sound yesterday to meet the steamer Queen.

E. W. Shirke, one of the owners, and Miss Shirke, purser of the schooner Flora, which was burned in Clayoquot Sound, are at the Victoria.

Wm. Lorimer returned last evening from Vancouver where he was successful in interesting Mainland capitalists in West Coast mining properties, that section being in great demand with investors looking for "a good thing" at this time.

Headquarters Here.—Mr. R. Machin, general agent for Canada for William Bennett, Sons & Co., fuse manufacturers, of Cornwall, Eng., has opened an office on Yates street and will make Victoria his headquarters, recognizing this as the great distributing centre for the mines of British Columbia and the Northwest Territories. Mr. Machin was formerly provincial traveller for the Giant Powder Company, of this city.

The D. & L. Emulsion benefits most those having lung troubles, with tendency to hemorrhages. A few bottles taken regularly make a wonderful improvement. Made by Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

"SILENCE OF DEAN MAITLAND."

A Remarkable Production in the Hands of Artists From Over the Sea.

The English dramatization of Maxwell Gray's "Silence of Dean Maitland," with which Mr. H. R. Roberts' company of Australian players opened their Victoria engagement yesterday evening, and in which they will be seen again to-night, is certainly a unique departure from stereotyped dramatic standards—a virtual challenge to the critics in its text and development.

That the play possesses considerable literary excellence, although distinctly melodramatic and abounding in crudities, is beyond dispute; that the prominence given to sacred subjects, the church, its services, and its holy associations, is open to vigorous attack (and perhaps capable of defence) is also patent.

The theme itself is familiar; the play distinctly reminiscent of others, not "The Scarlet Letter" only, but with a flavor of "Sowing the Wind" and a vague suggestion of "La Tosca."

Yet withal the melodramatic development of the not unknown text, the play is distinctly original, and the very challenge that is given to the church is boldly launched.

As a dramatic production "The Silence of Dean Maitland" possesses in marked degree the merit of continuity and dramatic value, every chapter of the staged story leading with increasing force to the tremendous church scene finale upon which Mr. Roberts has concentrated his attention and his art.

Incidentally the play introduces unobtrusively several distinct and accurate types of English rusticity—these "people of a small world" being very carefully drawn and presented with scholarly fidelity.

In the title and pivotal role of the Dean, Mr. Roberts' last evening was a study in contrasts. His voice was so admirably sufficient and so well controlled as to meet all the requirements of changing depths of intense feeling to perfection—yet his placidity of countenance when the face should be some index of a mental torment was exasperating.

His short soliloquy in the country churchyard; his prescient acceptance of the significant threat of the Dr. Thaddeus—where opportunity is given for a truly magnificent study—were surprising; yet his last great scene of confession and expiation at the altar steps is at once masterly, intense and dignified, the work of an actor of great capability. Indeed the quality of the actor was lost in that of the preacher-penitent.

Of the support, Miss Maggie Moore does an effective Lillian Maitland, although stretching artistic license to the limit in assuming that a woman's appearance may sustain no change at the hand of time even in eighteen weary years of sorrow.

The Wainie Maitland of Miss Ethel Bashford is a very dainty, unaffected and welcome bit of juvenile work; and the Benson of Mr. C. Lyndon notably well subordinated and yet effective. Rare good comedy is contributed by Messrs. Percy Ward, C. Fredericks and C. Lyndon, the former gentleman (Granfer) having allotted to him some very clever lines of true comedy.

The others are sufficient to the demands upon them.

Prompt relief in sick headache, dizziness, neuralgia, constipation, pain in the side, granted to those using Carter's Little Liver Pills. One a dose. Small price. Small dose. Small pill.

GREASEPAINT.

"Christmas Cheer.—In accordance with established custom, corporation checks for \$25 each are being sent to-day to the following charitable institutions: The Jubilee and St. Joseph's hospitals; the Protestant and Roman Catholic orphanages; the B. C. Benevolent Society, and the Friendly Help.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Re William Henry Flewin, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of the above named deceased are requested to send particulars thereof with a statement of any securities (if any) held by them, and all parties indebted to the estate to pay the amount of their indebtedness, and any person having any deeds or other documents in hand belonging to the deceased to send the same to the undersigned forthwith.

Dated this 2nd December, 1899.
J. P. WALLS,
14 Bastion Square, Victoria.
Solicitors for the executors, Thomas Flewin, Chas. F. Flewin and Jervis Longhurst.

Victoria Harbor Mission

UNDER PATRONAGE OF BISHOP OF COLUMBIA.

The mission work amongst the sailors supplies the ships with a free grant of books and papers. The Seamen's Institute on Store street is free to all sailors.

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"EXTRA DRY."

The importation list of Champagnes, just to hand, compiled from official United States Customs House records from Jan. 1st to Dec. 1st, 1899, shows that for that period there were imported into the United States 97,083 cases. During the first week in December, this amount was increased to

OVER 100,000 CASES.

These figures, which do not include the large quantity imported direct by PITHER & LEISER, are by far the largest imports ever attained by any Champagne house into the United States.

The imports of MUMM'S "EXTRA DRY" for the closing year of 1899 will largely exceed those of any previous year, and are greatly in excess of those of any other brand. It all goes to prove that the public appreciate a wine that continues its high excellence unvaried from year to year.

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Following is a list of these delicious wines, specially imported for the Christmas Trade, from the famous house of **Gebr. Feist & Sohne, Frankfort-on-Main, Germany.**

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ZELTINGER	1893.
BERNCASTELER DOCTOR ..	1889.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS

MAYNE ISLAND.

Galiano, Dec. 18.—A pretty wedding was celebrated on Mayne Island Thursday last when Miss Andrena M. Georgeson, eldest daughter of Mr. J. S. Georgeson, of the East Point lighthouse, was united in marriage to Wm. Deacon, a popular young farmer of that island. Rev. Dr. Reid of New Westminster was the officiating clergyman. The bride, who was given away by her father, was prettily attired in a dress of embossed cream silk trimmed with Brussels lace and orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of white carnations and roses, the gift of the bridegroom. She was attended by four bridesmaids, the Misses J. and E. Georgeson (sisters of the bride), Miss Mary Bennett and Miss Rita Brethour of Sidney, who wore dresses of white muslin, each carrying a beautiful bouquet of white chrysanthemums. The groom was ably supported by Mr. Robert Mills of Stanich. Over 150 guests partook of the wedding breakfast, which was afterwards provided in the spacious hall of the Point Comfort hotel and a delightful and convivial evening was spent by the members and guests who showered their congratulations and good wishes upon the happy couple.

ASHTOFT.

J. B. Hobson, manager of the Cariboo mine, had the misfortune to fracture his ankle last week. Dr. Hogle says the fracture is not as bad as was first thought, but it will be four or five weeks before Mr. Hobson will be able to move about as usual.

Perhaps the happiest part of the Otago miners' banquet last week was the purchase of \$40 collected from the members and guests for W. Thompson, a member of the order whose home at Savona was completely destroyed by fire.

A meeting of teamsters, blacksmiths, hotel men and others was held in the town hall one night this week to discuss ways and means to put on a better basis the unsatisfactory condition of the freighting business of the Cariboo road. Messrs. Bryson, Nelson, Curry and Barstler Murphy were appointed a committee to draw up a plan to be presented at another meeting.

Mr. Rabbot, traveller for the Okanagan Flour Company, of Armstrong, was in Ashcroft on Thursday. He reports a ready sale for the products of his company's mills. Owing to damaged crops throughout Okanagan district, wheat will be imported from Manitoba to keep the mill running. All the spelt wheat of Okanagan district is sold for chicken feed. One hundred and twenty thousand dollars represents the value of spelt wheat purchased yearly by the chicken raisers of British Columbia. This year's crop for the good prices of chickens and eggs.

From the 150-Mile House comes information of the death of Raphael Phillips of Dog Creek. For some time Dr. Herald had been treating him for Bright's disease, but a long overland trip he had taken some time ago had so weakened his constitution that recovery was impossible. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. M. Pigeon of Dog Creek, Miss L. Phillips of Kamloops, and a brother, Simon Phillips of Kamloops. The funeral, which took place from St. Joseph's Mission, was largely attended.

E. B. Dodson, who has spent the last two years in the Omineca mining district, came down on Tuesday. Mr. Dodson came out to Quesnel in July. His Bright's disease, but a long overland trip he had taken some time ago had so weakened his constitution that recovery was impossible. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. M. Pigeon of Dog Creek, Miss L. Phillips of Kamloops, and a brother, Simon Phillips of Kamloops. The funeral, which took place from St. Joseph's Mission, was largely attended.

GREENWOOD.

Greenwood, Dec. 15.—The road to Widge's Camp which has been in the course of construction for some weeks under the auspices of the government and the citizens of Greenwood, as represented by the Board of Trade, is now about completed. The original arrangement was that the government was to contribute \$1,500 and the citizens \$1,500, but in order to complete the road it was found that \$1,000 more would be necessary, and that amount the government agreed to contribute. Mr. Hall, as foreman, has had charge of the work.

The Alabama theatre owned by Branson & Company is about to be dismantled and arrangements have been made for the opening on the 16th. The management have engaged Henderson and Ross and a company of special artists for the occasion. They have built and equipped one of the best opera houses in the province.

Great Loss of Life from Bright's Disease

A dreadfully fatal disease which is prevented and cured by Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

Bright's disease is a further development of kidney disease, and has for its most marked symptoms backache and urinary troubles. It is so insidious in its beginning, as to frequently escape detection, and with the single exception of consumption is the most fatal disease known to man.

Bright's disease is a wasting away of the tissues of the kidneys, and in its later stages cannot possibly be cured. It is, however, as the kidneys are not in an actual state of decay, Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills will revitalize the diseased parts and positively cure Bright's disease.

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Croup, bronchitis, asthma, and all coughs and colds yield promptly to Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine.

terious and promise that a legitimate dramatic and vaudeville performance will be presented. C. A. Baldwin is general manager and Delphos Lawrence business manager and amusement manager.

Madden & Dalles, Pacific hotel, have leased the Windsor premises adjoining the old hotel. A new building will be erected uniform with the Pacific and will give the Pacific a frontage of about 100 feet, all to be devoted to hotel purposes. It is the intention to have the new Pacific modern and up-to-date in every respect. S. Barnard, Victoria, who owns the Windsor, is rebuilding. It was one of the buildings burned down last summer.

VERNON.

Snow fell this week to the depth of about four inches, and it looks as if it might have sleighing for the balance of the winter.

Among the breeders of thoroughbred stock in this district, Mr. McSorley, of the Commonage, occupies a high position. He has this week disposed of several high-class Durham heifers to Premier Seidlin, who shipped them to his farm at Cache Creek.

Over eighteen thousand dollars has already been expended this season in Vernon and vicinity by one purchaser of beef and hogs for the Kootenay markets. Mayor McCarthy, of Revelstoke, is responsible for circulating this amount of currency among the farmers of the district.

A futile and unnecessary trip was made last week by Dr. O. Morris, who was summoned to Kereenos to hold an inquest upon the body of a dead Indian. A post-mortem examination was made, but there was nothing whatever to indicate that anything approaching to violence had occurred, there being no marks of violence upon the body, and the evidence adduced showed that the Siwash was drowned in the river some two months ago while in a state of intoxication.

A correspondent sends the following notice: "Look out for a meeting in the next issue of the News! There are still a few vacancies to be filled. The secretary is now in communication with the department re the formation of the above, a satisfactory issue to which we hope to be able to announce next week, when a meeting will be called and the roll signed. Men of Vernon (and Okanagan) come to the front; the country will appreciate your efforts. 'The Motherland's call' now, and the V.M.I. may yet be represented in defence of the Empire."—News, Dec. 14.

REVELSTOCK.

This registration clause is going to limit the number of possible candidates for the new city council to a very select few indeed. The mayor last week announced that the number of registered property to the amount of \$1,000 over and above any registered encumbrance, and an alderman of the same to the amount of \$500 over and above. The number of registered owners in town owing to the peculiar circumstances which have attended the history of its site is small and this registration clause practically leaves the government of the city for the time being in the hands of a few registered owners. At the first election registration was not required as a condition of candidacy and the choice was much freer in consequence.

The recent gerrymander of the Trout Lake mining division for the benefit of Kaslo is calling forth loud protests from the Lardens. As is well known, about many well known properties which have always been considered as within the bounds of the Trout Lake division are really just across the watershed between the Duncan river and the Lardens. Such are such well known groups as the Black Diamond, Little Robert, Black W. and all the Westall group of properties. By this wonderful new arrangement these properties are cut off from the Trout Lake recording office entirely, although a trail of from 12 to 20 miles in length connects them with it and now all business connected with them has to be transacted at Kaslo, which by the nearest route is 80 to 100 miles away, and by the quickest and most feasible 120 to 140. The same remarks apply to the groups such as the Abbott and Wagner, south of Hazel creek. The reason for this change is this: The Duncan slope is in R. Green, M.P.'s electoral district. The real reason is because Kaslo wants to corral its business. Other contributory causes are that Kaslo has a live member, and Trout Lake, in common with the rest of the level electoral district, a dead-alive one. However, Mr. Kellie may as well make up his mind that he has got to get this thing altered or at least compromised by making the Trout Lake office a sub office of Kaslo for the purposes of these Duncan slope and Hazel creek claims, if it takes a leg.

The Herald regrets to announce the death of Thos. Richardson, a well known old timer of this district, which occurred on Tuesday last at the Maple Leaf hotel, Illecillewaet, of which he was proprietor. The deceased gentleman had been ailing for a long time past from heart trouble, which finally proved fatal. He was an Englishman by birth and was 67 years of age. He was attended at the last by his daughters, Mrs. C. H. Turner, Mrs. Charles Nellis and his adopted daughter, Mrs. A. McKee. The body was forwarded East on Thursday to be buried near Mrs. Richardson in the former home of the family in Dorchester, Ont. Mrs. Nellis accompanied the remains to the funeral in their last resting place. —Herald, Dec. 16.

MINING IN NICOLA.

Review of Season's Work Shows Indications of Great Promise for the District.

From Correspondence Kamloops Sentinel.

Since last fall considerable progress has been made in mining in this district. What has helped in a large way towards this has been the prospecting and working by the miners who originally went to the Similkameen, but finding so many there and the country well supplied with stakes and claims, they have turned away after a short visit, dissatisfied, but by far the most were enabled to acquire some good looking prospects.

Over a country extending from Aspen Grove (20 miles south of Nicola lake) to the Nicola river and on to a few miles below Lower Nicola surface indications of copper are to be found more or less prominently, and up to the present no other distinct ore has been found such as galena, etc. It is due to this fact that no mineral has been mined from this part, for the few copper ones can stand the cost of hauling some 40, 50 or 60 miles to a railroad and then the expense of freight and treatment added. But this adverse factor will be removed by the extension through the country of the Columbia & Western railroad, which there is very good reason to believe will be an actual fact before long. Inducements will then be offered to outside capital to invest.

In the vicinity of Aspen Grove, a country of rolling hills and bumpy grass, a district was made this spring by a stranger. With very little work massive gray copper, carrying high values in silver, was exposed. The ore itself being practically free from gangue. This claim, the Big Louise, was immediately followed by a large number of other locations, amongst which are some very promising showings consisting of native and sulphides of copper. There is no doubt but that there would be a district shipping 70 miles to a railroad and then leave a good profit. Hundreds of miners and prospectors had gone by these locations, as they lie very near the road to Granite Creek, but none seem to have thought the country promising enough to prospect. There is a very good indication of a busy camp starting there next spring.

Another new discovery was made this spring on the Nicola river, about four miles south of Manette lake, consisting of a large dyke of granite rock in which are veins of native copper and cuprite. Two claims were staked, the King Solomon and Midway, which some few weeks later were bonded to Dr. Deeks, for Eastern parties. The value of the minerals exposed in this district completed in some three weeks; nearly a record-breaker for time. Work was immediately commenced, but was suspended after some 8000 had been excavated, in fact before anything of a definite nature as to the extent and values were determined. The work was continued, however, and it may be said to have been considerably improved by the discovery of prospects adjoining them, proving the lead continuous and of extent.

On the Aberdeen a good healthy showing has been exposed of heavy copper carbonates with iron. The showing of this ore was not encouraging, simply a black basaltic rock intruding through the granite formation, with a few iron stains, appeared. Two feet below copper stains appeared, whilst now, eight feet below, nearly solid carbonates have been shown up. The lead is probably over 20 feet and has the appearance of a true fissure vein. On the Mountain View and Plymouth Queen veins of solid bonite and gray copper have been exposed. These seem to be parallel fissures with the Aberdeen. A large number of other claims in this district have been staked, it is pleasing to be able to state that these prospects have fallen into good hands, as Mr. Broomhead, of London, Eng., has taken the lead in this district, and is coming lately, with a mining engineer, and is forming an English syndicate to open it up.

Quilchena received its share of attention this year, quite a large number of claims being staked from the Nicola road to the miles up Quilchena creek, and one is inclined to believe a few will yet be heard of in the future. They are copper in quartz and carrying high values in gold. This is found anywhere in the district; being so convenient situated they should bring high prices for the ore.

Northwest of the Peacock claim, some five miles north of Nicola lake, several locations were made this spring on the veins of quartz carrying copper sulphides; the veins crop up on the surface for a considerable distance. Work has already been commenced on several. A vein 35 feet in width of well mineralized quartz, average rock assaying 9 per cent. copper, with values in gold and silver up to \$100 per ton, these and other locations in the vicinity. A large amount of good concentrating ore will be exposed, sufficient to warrant the creation of a concentrating plant. Water power being very conveniently placed.

It is to be hoped that within a short time we shall have a lead mining center in this district, for although the mail may give us the facilities of obtaining records it does not in the case of affidavits, which practice means that every locator has to pay an extra dollar or his record. It was all the practice with the late government agent, Mr. Clapperton, to give his services in this respect free, and many thanks are due to him for that.

It should be the aim of the government to give every encouragement to the performance of annual work, and to the effect that in view of the fact that the fee of \$2.50 for the record, or at least reduce it to 50 cents, which should apply to the cost of sale, the time has gone by when one could locate mineral claims and sell without any development, and prospectors, as a class, are far from wealthy. With the cost of supplies, free miner's license, poll tax, record fees, he has realized that every dollar counts, for miles are few and far between.

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